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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am notifying you of a decision to implement performance by the Most Efficient Organization (MEO) of the Base Support Services of Naval Surface Warfare/Weapons Centers in Carderock, MD and Philadelphia, PA.

The analysis of the function was commenced in April 1999. The Navy anticipates implementation of the MEO operations in October 2003.

There were no satisfactory commercial offers received as a result of the solicitation issued to perform this work. Below is a summarized comparison of the cost of performance of the function:

Historical Cost to perform by DoD civilian employees:	\$ 28,774,000
Estimated cost to perform by DoD civilian employees:	\$ 19,534,000
Total projected savings over the period of performance:	\$ 9,240,000

The announced number of DoD positions performing the function when the analysis was commenced was 80. The MEO will be 42 positions. The impact to DoD civilians is expected to be as follows: 5 employees will take normal or early retirement, 32 will be reassigned to equivalent or lower positions, and 1 temporary employee will be separated.

Civil servants affected by MEO implementation are given assistance in continuing their Federal careers through priority placement programs and reassignment in DoD or other agencies. In addition, the Department of the Navy works in cooperation with the Department of Labor and State Employment Services to assist affected employees in locating positions in private industry or to afford these personnel opportunities to undertake retraining programs qualifying them for jobs available in local labor markets.

I make the following certifications:

The analysis of the function for possible change to private sector included the estimated cost to the Government for performance in the most cost effective manner by DoD civilian employees; and the analysis did not include any predetermined personnel constraint or limitation in terms of man-years, end strength, full-time equivalent positions, or maximum number of employees.

The entire analysis is available for examination and demonstrates that the performance of the function by the MEO will result in savings to the Government over the period of performance.

The conversion of the function to MEO operation results in anticipated savings that make the resulting cost of operations significantly less than the current cost of operations. This equates to a \$1,848,000 annual reduction of gross salaries and other services being expended into the local economy. With a business volume of over \$22,036,256,000 in annual sales, this reduction represents less than 0.008% of sales in the local economy.

A similar letter has been sent to the President of the Senate, Chairmen Warner, Stevens, Hunter, and Lewis. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. L. Hoewing', written in a cursive style.

G. L. Hoewing
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations
(Manpower and Personnel)

